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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application.

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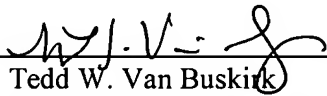
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Respectfully submitted,

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